

REMARKS

Applicant amends the claims to remove multiple dependencies and to more particularly and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Applicant also amends claim 1 by incorporating the limitations of claim 5. A similar amendment is made to the independent apparatus claim 7.

Pursuant to Rule 1.121(b)(3), Applicant requests that the attached substitute specification replace the originally filed specification. Applicant includes another version of the substitute specification marked to show revisions.

Applicant has amended the specification by adding headers to delineate various portions of the specification and to remove in the specification to claims. Applicant has also amended the background section to include a discussion of a U.S. patent cited in the international search report. Finally, Applicant amends the summary section of the specification to conform to the claim amendments noted above. These amendments introduce no new matter.

The abstract in the substitute specification is identical to the abstract in the initial PCT specification.

No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this amendment. However, if additional fees are due, or if credits are forthcoming, please adjust our Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

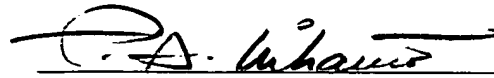
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Version with markings to show changes made

In the specification:

The specification has been amended as shown in pages 1-23 of the attached substitute specification labeled "Marked to Show Revisions".

In the claims:

Claims 1-15 have been cancelled.

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